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From the New York Dutchman. COLONEL CRICKLEY'S HORSE. BY PAUL CREYTON.

I have never been able to ascertain the origin of the quarrel between the Crickley's and the Drakes. They had lived within a mile of each other in Illinois, for five years, and from the first of their acquaintance, there had been a mutual feeling of dislike between the two families. Then some misunderstanding about the boundary of their respective farms, revealed the latent flame; and Col. Crickler having followed a fat buck all one afternoon and wounded him, came up to sons cutting him up! This incident added fuel to the flame, and from that time there was nothing the two families did not do to annoy each other. They shot each other's ducks in the river, purposely mistaking them for wild ones, and then, by way of retaliation, commenced killing off each other's pigs and calves.

One evening, Mr. Drake the older, was returning home, with his 'pocket full of rocks,' from Chicago, whither he had been to dispose of a load of grain. Sam Barstone was with him on the wagon, and as they approached the grove which intervened between them and Mr. Drake's house, he observed to his companion-'What a beautiful mark Col. Crickley's

old Roan is over yonder!' 'Hang it!' muttered old Drake 'so it

The horse was standing under some trees, about twelve rods from the road. Involuntarily Drake stopped his team. He glanced furtively around, then with a queer smile the old hunter took up his rifle from the bottom of the wagon, and raising it to his shoulder, drew a sight on the Colonel's horse.

Beautiful! muttered Drake, lowering his rifle with the air of a man resisting a powerful temptation. 'I could drop old Roan so easy !'

'Shoot,' suggested Sam Barstone, who loved fun in any shape.

'No, no, 'twouldn't do, said the old hunter, glancing cautiously around him 'I won't tell,' said Sam.

Wal. I won't shoot this time, any way, give the Colonal five dollars for a shot.' for something racy.

Drake!

'Well, why don't you shoot?'

I'll give a V for one pull.' Say an X and it's a bargain. Drake felt for his rifle, and looked at

old Roan. 'How much is the hoss wuth?' he muttered in Sam's ear

"Bout fifty."

The Colonel pocketed the money mut- the Hoosier. tering-

'Hanged if I thought you'd take me

fresh cap on his rifle, stood up in his wa- let him slide. gon, and drew a close sight on old Roan. Sam Barstone chuckled. The Colonel like to own that nigger, by thunder !' says and gusto. his hand before his face and chuckled Dan.

Crack! went the rifle. The hunter tore out a horrid oath, which I will not re- cence, says hepeat. Sam was astonished. The Colonel laughed. Old Roan never stirred !

black as Othello's. 'What's the matter with you, hey ?-Fus time ever you sarved me quite such boy, it's a monkey.' a trick, I swan!

wrath and indignation.

tone of satire. Who said so? It's a lie!' thundered

Drake. 'I can shoot-'A horse at ten rods! ha! ha! ha! Drake was livid.

Look here, Col., I can't stand that! he began,

the Col. I'll risk you. Grinding his teeth, Drake produced 'Spose you leve it to that gentleman,' another ten-dollar bill.

'Here ! he growled, 'I'm bound to have another shot, any way.

Drake did crack away-with a deadly

Prake, cried Sam, 'you're drunk !-

but your mouth, or 141 Sam, what d'ye say.

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The bullet was hollow, I'll swear. The man lies who says I can't shoot. Last week I cut off a goose's head at fifteen rods, and I kin do it again. By the Lord Harry, Col., you can laugh, but I'll bet now, thirty dollars, I can bring down your old Roan at one shot.

The wager was readily accepted. The stakes were placed in Sam's hands. Elacted with the idea of winning back his two ready to pay for the drinks willingly, for shoot you ! thundered the excited Drake.

ted with the idea of winning back his two ready to pay for the drinks willingly, for tens, and making an X into the bargain, tions, and twenty-five cents for each subsequent Drake carefully selected a perfect ball, insertion. A liberal discount on the above rates an even buckskin patch, and beaded his

> It was now nearly dark, but the hunter boasted of being able to shoot a bat on the wing by starlight, and without any hesitation, he drew a clear sight on old Roan's head.

> A minute later, Drake was driving through the grove, the most enraged, the most desperate of men. His rifle, the innocent victim of his ire, lay with broken stock on the bottom of the wagon. Sam Barstone was too much frightened to laugh. Meanwhile, the gratified Colonel was rolling on the ground convulsed with mirth, and old Roan was standing undis-

> turbed under the trees. When Drake reached home, his two sons discovering his ill humor and the mutilated condition of his rifle stock, hastened to arouse his spirits with a piece of news, which they were sure would make him dance for joy.

'Clear out! growled the angry old 'I don't want to hear any news; him at dark and found old Drake and his get away, or I shall knock one of you

'But, father, it's such a trick ! Blast you and your tricks!

'-Played off on the Colonel-'On the Colonel? cried the old man, beginning to be interested. 'Gad; if it's a trick on the Colonel, let's hear it. Well, father, Jed and I, this afternoon

ent out for deer-Hang the deer! come to the trick. 'Couldn't find any deer, but thought away at the Colonel's old Roan-shot him

'Shot old Roan? thundered the hunter. 'By the Lord Harry, Jed, did you shoot the Colonel's hoss?

'I didn't do anything else. Devil! devil! groaned the hunter. 'And then, pursued Jed, 'Jim and Ha! ha! fancy the Col. going to catch

him! ho! ho! wan't it a joke? Old Drake's head fell upon his breast. looked at his broken rifle. Then in a rueful tone he whispered to the boys:

'It is a joke! But if you ever tell of it-or if you do, Sam Barstone, I'll skin was Capt. Starkey of the Neptune, a gen-

ter. Jed dragged him out insensible.— Sam had laughed himself almost to death.

DAN MARBLE'S MONKEY.

tell or no tell. The horse is too nigh. If one night in St. Louis, feeling like albeit the two islands are only distant at he was fifty rods off instead of twelve, so doing or saying something that would about five degrees from each other. I there'd be a bare possibility of mistaking have a point to it. Dan looked around to was also one of Captain Starkey's pas-

Hookey! but that's a smart boy!"

The hoosier looked around, quartering

' Darnation,' says the hoosier,

And Draks loaded the piece with great most elaborate sincerity. think Illinoy folks are green.'

continued. kiver that and go the heft of my pile over tained in town by business which it was of Dupont and the Lieutenant did not ap-'Never mind, the horse can,' sneezed that,' says he. 'Who'll you leve it to ?' necessary he should dispose of previous pear in the slightest degree to ruffle or Wall, you may leve it to anybody .- to embarking for Jamaica.

(pointing to Waters) says Dan.

shoulder, saying-'Stranger, excuse us; but just please to the cabin arrangements." aim, too—but the horse did not mind the step out this way, we've got a bait, want

Wall,' says the hoosier staring at

rods, and I kin do it again. By the Lord the operation of holding his breath for a cause.

I never expect to see two such darned fools in one evening again !'

Written for the Clarksburg Register.

Woman. No orb that illumines the air, Nor being that graces the earth, Can with beauty of woman compare, Or equal her grandeur and worth.

She sits all alone in her bower. Content with her limited sphere; Perfuming each swift fleeting hour, With the music that all love to hear.

As she moves through the circles of life; One glance from her beautiful eyes, Is enough to make ALL want a wife. Old bachelors too, in their prime, Put on a boil't shirt and look spruce;

All around her look on with surprise,

From Chamber's Magazine. THE POINT OF HONOR.

And then set up grins that would chime

With the exquisite smiles of a goose.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Feb. 12, 1852.

One evening in the autumn of the year 842, seven persons, including myself, were sitting and chatting in a state of hilarous gaiety in front of Senor Arguillas' country-house, a mile or so out of Santiago de Cuba, in the Eastern Intendencia of the Queen of the Antilles, and once its chief capitol, when an incident occurred that as effectually put an extinguisher upon the noisy mirth as if a bombshell had suddenly exploded at our feet. But first a brief account of those seven persons, we must shoot something; so Jed banged and the cause of their being so assembled, will be necessary.

Three were American merchants-Southerners and smart traders, extensively connected with the commerce of the Columbia Archipelago, and designing to sail on the morrow, wind and weather permitting, in the bark Neptune propped the hoss up, and tied his head back with a cord, and left him sianding under the trees exactly as if he was alive.

Starkey, master and part owner—to Morant Bay, Jamaica; one was a lieutenant in the Spanish artillery, and nephew of our host; another was a M. Dupont, a -Starkey, master and part owner-for young and rich creole, of mingled French and Spanish parentage, and the reputed suitor for the hand of Donna Antonia-He felt for his empty pocket book, and the daughter and sole heiress of Senor Arguellas, and withal a graceful and charming maiden of eighteen-a ripe age in that precocious clime; the sixth guest At that moment, Sam fell into the gut- youngster, and but just recovered from a severe fit of sickness which a twelve wrong to offer you personal violence, al- across the dark sea, and turning quickly moval from Jamaica to the much more Marble attended a circus performance | temperate and equable climate of Cuba, there'd be a bare possibility of mistaking have a point to it. Dan looked around to the first him for a deer, I'd let fly. As it is, I'd see who would furnish the raw material sengers, and so was Senor Arguellas, who had business to wind up in King-At that moment, the Col. himself step In front of Dan sat a gentleman you ston. He was to be accompanied by ped from be hind a big oak, not half a might venture to believe, unused to the Senora Arguella, Antonia, the young lieudozen paces distant, and stood before Mr. elephants, a degree of verdure stuck out tenant, and M. Dupont. The Neptune his Jew made and soiled store clothes, his had brought a cargo of sundries, consisthair had lately been nipped and greased ing of hardware, cottons, etc., to Cuba, The old man stammered in some confu- by a tonsor, and there was no kind of and was returning about half-laden with sion-'That you, Colonel? I-I was doubt in Dan's mind but that his object goods. Amongst these, belonging to the tempted to, I declared! And as I said, was of a full bloom genus, Hoosier. As American merchants, was a number of Marble came in, the circus folks were barrels of gunpowder that had proved doing that remarkable (!) new (!!) and unsaleable in Cuba, and which, it ingenious act of monkeyship, Dandy Jim was thought, might find a satisfactory on horseback! The monkey was dressed market in Jamaica. There was excellent up mighty spry, and very large for his cabin accommodation on board Captain size. Says Dan without directing his dis- Starkey's vessel, and as the weather was course to anybody in particular, but giv- fine, and the passage promised to be a Gad, Colonel, I'll do it! Here's your ing his eye a cork-screw twist towards brief as well as a pleasant one-the wind Sam Waters, who sat a seat or two below having shifted to the northwest, with the intention it seemed of remaining there for some time-we were all, as I have stated, The hoosier looked around at the speak- in exceedingly good humor, and discussed With high glee, the old hunter put a ing Dan's eyes still intent on the show, European politics, the comparative merits of French and Spanish wines, and Havana of French and Spanish wines, and Havana

'Well, I swow that is a smart boy, I'd and Alabama cigars, with infinite glee The evening, too, was deliciously bright and clear. The breeze, pronouncand kind of pitying Dan's apparent inno- ed by Captain Starkey to be rising to a formed that Captain Starkey had left the what seemed a dead body in his arms. five or six knot one at sea, only suffi- house, after impressing upon Senora Ar- He threw his burden on the deck, and 'That's not a boy, mister.'

Ciently stirred the rich and odorous vegeguellas that the Neptune would sail the passing swiftly to where Hawkins stood, ship whilst there's a living soul on board."

I'm cussed, continued Dan, without tation of the valleys, stretching far away next morning precisely at nine o'clock.

Said in a low, hurried whisper, but audlive dejectedly on till I had passed my Drake stared at his rifle with a face as letting on he heard the hoosier's remark, and so vivid an impression of the party, with its grateful perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party, with its grateful perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party, with its grateful perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party, with its grateful perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party ible to me: "Run down and rouse the re-appeared at the gangway with the still perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party, with its grateful perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party ible to me: "Run down and rouse the re-appeared at the gangway with the still perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party ible to me: "Run down and rouse the re-appeared at the gangway with the still perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party ible to me: "Run down and rouse the re-appeared at the gangway with the still perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party ible to me: "Run down and rouse the re-appeared at the gangway with the still perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party ible to me: "Run down and rouse the re-appeared at the gangway with the still perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party ible to me: "Run down and rouse the re-appeared at the gangway with the still perfume, and scorn broke forth at this announce- of the party ible to me: "Run down and rouse the re-appeared at the gangway with the still perfume."

I meased, continued Dan, without the party is and slightly ripple the winding rivers, ment, and a duel at one time seemed in-rivulets rather, which every where in-Monkey be darned, says Dan with tersect the irrigated island, and Which and Mr. Desmond, the last named gening to the startled but attentive seamen, nation, but it was of no avail. The boat's tice that consigned her to a permature You must were now glittering with the myriad tleman manifesting great anxiety to shoot he said in a rapid but firm voice: "You rope the next instant was cast into the grave, that it scarcely required the solsplendors of the intensely lustrous stars somebody or other in vindication of his well know, men, that I would not on any water—" Now pull for your lives !" The emn promise she obtained from me as the that diadem a Cuban night. Nearly all Anglo-Saxon lineage. This, however, occasion or for any motive deceive you. shootin, observed the Col., in a cutting green as pizen; stranger, of you say that's the guests had drank very freely of the was overruled, and the party broke up in Listen, then, attentively. You drunken instantly fell into the water, and the boat me resolve never, under any circumstant the guests had drank very freely of the water, and the boat me resolve never, under any circumstant the guests had drank very freely of the water, and the boat me resolve never, under any circumstant the guests had drank very freely of the water, and the boat me resolve never, under any circumstant the guests had drank very freely of the water, and the boat me resolve never, under any circumstant the guests had drank very freely of the water, and the boat me resolve never, under any circumstant the guests had drank very freely of the water, and the boat me resolve never, under any circumstant the guests had drank very freely of the water, and the boat me resolve never the coll. wine, too much so, indeed; but the talk, angry disorder. 'I do say it's a nigger, now,' says Dan in French, which, all could speak tole- We were all on board by the appointed jaunting his fist into his pocket. 'I'll bet rably, did not profane the calm glory of time on the following morning. Captain you drinks for a crowd it's a nigger!' he the scene, till some time after Senora Ar- Starkey received us with civil indifferontinued.
'You will?' says the hoosier; 'wall, I The Senor, I should state, was still desancers which sat upon the countenances guish."

long before we were all conscious that bearance. Dupont, approaching him, the conversation had assumed a disagreeable tone. It struck me that M. Du-

Why a-of course it's a boy-nigger pont did not like the expression of Anto- crew to hear, and looking steadily in the men. The panic-terror that had seized with the dreadful thought that the here

wordy tumult.

denly to an almost deathly white, and he bows of the ship fell slowly off, and we stammered out: "I beg your pardon, were in a few moments running before M. Dupont. It was wrong very wrong the wind, though but a faint one, for in me to do so, though not inexcusable." "Pardon! Mille tonnerres!" shouted Dupont, who was capering about in an the Neptune without being fully satisfied ecstacy of rage, and wiping his face with that, however deficient in duelling his handkerchief. "Yes, a bullet through courage her captain might be, he was a your head shall pardon you-nothing thorough seaman, and that his crew-a-

house, and speedily returned with a case and a sense of confidence, that should s of pistols. "Let us proceed," he said in term at or other sea-peril overtake us, a quick whisper, "to the grove yonder; every reliance might be placed in the we shall be there free from interruption." professional skill and energy of Captain He took Dupont's arm, and both turned Starkey, was soon openly or tacitly acto move off. As they did so, Mr. Desmond, knowledged by all on board. The weaththe elder of the American gentlemen, er throughout happily continued fine, but stepped towards Captain Starkey, who the wind was light and variable, so that arms folded, was standing by the table, and said: "I am not entirely, my good appeared sensibly to diminish the discan be of service, I shall"-

require your assistance. Lieutenant Ar- ed up the bay at about two o'clock in the guellas, you may as well remain. I am morning, when the voyage might be said no duellist, and shall not fight M. Du- to be over. This was a great relief to

Lieutenant, gazing with stupid bewilderment round the circle. "Not fight !"

The Anglo-Saxon blood, I saw, flushed hotly in the veins of the Americans as it did in mine at this exhibition of the mond with grave earnestness after a painful pause : "you whose name is in the had eaten our last dinner in the Neptune. list of the British royal navy, say this! You must be jesting !

"I am perfectly serious-I am opposed to duelling upon principle." "A coward, upon principle!" fairly screamed Dupont, with mocking fury, and at the same time shaking his clench-

ed fist at the Englishman. pent. A gleam of fierce passion broke he made a step towards Dupont, but res- but faint hopes of ever seeing it again.

though your impertinence certainly de- round. I saw it was caused by a tall served rebuke. fight with you."

"But you shall give my friend satis-Jamaica !

menace, coolly rang the sonnettee, and de- I should have fallen prostrate on the sired the slave who answered it to inform deck. A wild ourtery of "Fire! fire!" eave and wished to see her.

Dupont with triumphant mockery.

mond, who, as well as his two friends. was getting pretty much incensed; "but were born and raised in the old country, if you presume to insinuate that"-

Senora Arguellas at this moment apleft. She, however, at the request of the that our fate must depend upon his judg-Captain, instantly led the way into the ment and vigor that not a word was yet full as ever of unswerving resolution. house, leaving, the rest of her visitors, as spoken, nor a finger, I think moved, till

the French seplante's la.

"Do not go away," said Senora Argu- scornful air of Donna Antonia as she ointing to Waters) says Dan.

I don't care a red cent who you leve of the control nother shot, any way.

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'Crack away, cried the Col., pocketin I wish to speak further with you relative would be soiled by contact with a poltroon can reach the powder. And remember," afterwards assured by Mr. Desmond, the cabin arrangements."

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Captain Starkey bowed. I had never, a few brief moments. The expression of Hawkins and cocked one of them, "that Senora Arguellas till the last boat left the tor; but whether it was a slight significant. bullet in the least. To the rage and unutterable astonishment of the hunter, old Roan looked him right in the face, as if that monkey that on the hoss is a nigger what liked the fun.

Well? says Sam.

Uaptain Starkey bowed. I had never, a few brief moments. The expression of I thought, seen Antonia smile so sweet-liked the fun. I thought, seen Antonia smile so sweet-liked the fun. I will send a bullet after any man who ill-face as countenance, which a says he'll bet me drinks for a hull party that monkey that on the hoss is a nigger by recisely remember how it came about, or what first led to it, but it was not very limit to this, it seemed, contemptuous for what first led to it, but it was not very limit to this, it seemed to be turned to a few brief moments. The expression of I will send a bullet after any man who ill-face was a scold and stern as before. Now, then, to your work—steadily, and him, or the glance he threw at the gallety or what first led to it, but it was not very limit to this, it seemed, contemptuous for what first led to it, but it was marvellous to observe the influ-face of the first and never, a few brief moments. The expression of I will send a bullet after any man who ill-face was a significant and being a few brief moments. The expression of I will send a bullet after any man who ill-face was a scold and stern as before. Now, then, to your work—steadily, and the two ladies left us. I do not live and the two ladies left us. I was not very limit to this, it seemed, contemptuous for what first led to it, but it was not very limit to the sum of the hunter, old live and a bullet after any man who ill-face was a significant and the face and the first and the face and the first and the face and the face and the first and the face and the

Why a—of course it's a boy—nigger boy! says Sam with the gravity of an boy! says Sam with the gravity of an entire Sabbath School, condensed.

The Indiana gentleman went through the operation of holding his breath for a few minutes, his eyes enlarging upon Waters during that period; then says he—of come right up to the trough, fetch along all your friends and acquaintances along all your friends and acquaintances and passion, and scarcely knew what they said or did—M. Dupont applied an epithet to the Queen of England, which instantly brought a glass of wine are yearly to pay for the dripks willingly for first.

Locke!" He would have turned away, but was arrested by a gripe of steal. "Encoutez, monsieur," the boats were in the water. "Encoutez, monsieur," said Captain Starkey: "individually, I hold for nothing whatever you may say; but I am captain and King in this ship, and I will permit no one to beard me because, which instantly brought a glass of wine are yearly to pay for the dripks willingly for first. A rush would swamp the course as she courtesied to Captain Starkey. "He would have turned away, but was arrested by a gripe of steal. "Encoutez, monsieur," the boats were in the water. "In the men. The panic-terror that had seized them gave place to energetic resolution, and in an incredibly about space of time them gave place to energetic resolution, and in an incredibly about space of time them gave place full in his face from the hand of Captain Starkey. They were all in an instant on their feet, and apparently sobered, or their feet, and apparently sobered, or we arrive at Jamaica." He then threw gang-way clear." nearly so, by the unfortunate issue of the off his startled auditor, and walked for-Captain Starkey was the first to speak.

off his startled auditor, and walked for-wards. The passengers, colored as well as white, were all on board; the anchor, His flushed and angry features paled sud- already speak, was brought home; the knew there was a large quantity of gun- longation of the bitterness of death?

Point Morant. No one could be many hours on board bout a dozen of as fine fellows as I have Indeed, according to the notions of even seen-were under the most perfect Cuban society, no other alternative save discipline and command. The service of the duello appeared possible. Lieuten- the vessel was carried on as noiselessly ant Arguelles hurried at once into the and regularly as on board a ship of war; with recovered calmness, and with his for several days after we had sighted the blue mountains of Jamaica, we scarcely sir, a stranger to these affairs, and if I tance between them and us. At last the ergy of a madman, and pressed so sudbreeze again blew steadily from the "Thank you, Mr. Desmond," replied northwest, and we gradually neared the English Captain; "but I shall not Point Morant. We passed it, and openthe cabin-passengers-far beyond the or-"What does he say ?" exclaimed the dinary pleasure to land-folk of escaping from the tedium of confinement on shipboard. There was a constraint in the behavior of everybody that was exceedingly unpleasant. The captain presided at the table with freezing civility; the conwhite feather by one of our race. "Not versation, if such it should be called, was fight, Captain Starkey!" said Mr. Desusually restricted to monosyllables; and
mond with grave earnestness after a painwe were all very heartily glad that we
the water."

we were all very heartily glad that we we were all very heartily glad that we When we doubled Point Morant, all the passengers except myself were in bed, and a quarter of an hour afterwards Captain Starkey went below, and was soon busy, I understood, with papers in his cabin. For my part I was too excited for "Pull off, sleep, and I continued to pace the deck fore and aft with Hawkins, the first mate, The degrading epithet stung like a ser- whose watch it was, eagerly observant of the lights on the well-known shore, that you alive! By the Lord Harry boys, tlemanly, fine-looking English seaman, of live been shooting at that dead horse half an hour, at ten dollars a shot!

At that moment Sam fell into the gent and last was myself, at that time a mere and last w lutely checked himself.

As I thus gazed landward, a bright gleam, as of crimson moonlight, shot Still, I repeat I will not of flame shooting up from the main hatchway, which two seamen, for some purpose or other, had at the moment partalfaction!" exclaimed Lieutenant Arguel- ly opened. In my still weak state, the las, who was as much excited as Dupont; terror of the sight-for the recollections or by Heaven, I will post you as a das- of the barrels of powder on board flashed tard not only throughout this island but instantly across my mind-for several moments completely stunned me, and but Captain Starkey for all answer to this that I caught instinctively at the rattlings, Senora Arguellas that he was about to -the most fearful cry that can be heard at sea mingled with and hightened the "The brave Englishman is about to dizzy ringing in my brain, and I was place himself under the protection of your barely sufficiently conscious to discern, aunt's petticoats. Alphonso!" shouted amidst the runnings to and fro, and the incoherent exclamations of the crew, the I almost doubt whether Mr. Starkey is sinewy, atheletic figure of the captain not see them again." an Englishmen," exclaimed Mr. Des- leap up, as it were, from the companionladder to the deck, and with his trumpet- capable of safely containing but eight pervoice command immediate silence, in sons, and how, it was whispered among at all events, as my father and my moth- stantly followed by the order again to us-how in addition to the two seamen key at a public dinner given at Kingston batten down the blazing hatchway. This, already in her, can she take off Lieutenwith his assistance, was promptly effected, ant Arguellas, M. Dupont, the remaining there will remember. In his speech or and then he disappeared down the fore- colored man, the four seamen, and Capproached, and the irate American with castle. The two or three minutes he was tain Starkey? They were, however, all some difficulty restrained himself. The gone-it could scarcely have been more speedily embarked except the captain. lady appeared surprised at the strange than that-seemed interminable; and so aspect of the company she had so lately completely did it appear to be recognized

he resppeared, already scorched and

powder on board. The instant the boats touched the starboard side of the bark, tween them and the blazing ship, amidst then, white as well as colored, forced a dead silence broken only by the meathe women and children—careless, apparently, whom they sacrificed so that they ward with the hope of descrying the exwomen and children, next the old men. Hand Senora Arguellas along; next the young lady her daughther : quick !"

As Donna Antonia, more dead than alive, was about to be lifted into the boat, a gush of flame burst through the main hatchway with the roar of an explosion : a tumultuous burst from the frenzied passengers, and they jostled each other with denly upon Antonia that, but for the ut-

"Back, unmanly dastard! back, dog!" roared Captain Starkey, terribly excited water, the small boat perilously so. by the lady's danger; and a moment after, seizing Dupont fiercely by the collar, he added : "or if you will, look there can scarcely bear, even now, to think but for a moment," and he pointed with about it. I shut my eyes, and listened his pistol-hand to the fins of several with breathless palpitating excitement for sharks plainly visible in the glaring light the explosion that should end all. It at but a few yards distance from the came !- at least I thought it did, and I

"Ay, ay, sir!" was the prompt mechenical response.

This terrible menance instantly restored order; the colored woman and children was dangling, was empty! and both pi-"Pull off, was the order: "vou are

deep enough for safety." A cry, faint as the wail of a child, arose in the boat. It was heard and understood.

"Stay one moment; pass along Senor Arguellas. Now, then, off with you, and be smart !" The next boat was quickly loaded; the

three Americans, went in her. Desmond, pausing an instant, and eatch- into the water, and the blinding glare and ing at the captain's hand; "and I was stunning uproar were succeeded by a

but a fool too"-"Pass on," was the reply: "there is no time to bandy compliments."

light upon me, as I leaned, with terror, simultaneous and ringing shout which

Ned, to thy father and mother should I There was now only the small boat,

"Can she bear another?" he asked, and although his voice was firm as ever, his countenance, I noticed was ashy pale, "We must, and will, sir, since it's you; but we are dangerously overcrowded now,

ming round us. oars, from the instinct of self-preservation, last sigh trembled on her lips, to make brute-he is Lieutenant Arguellas' ser- sprang off. Captain Starkey, now that ces, to fight a duel. As to my behavior vant—has fired with his candle the spirits all except himself were clear of the burnhe was stealing, and the whole is a mass ing ship, gazed eagerly with eyes shaded, the Neptune, of which my friend, Mr. Desof fire which it is useless to waste one with his hand in the direction of the mond, has spoken so flatteringly, I can precious moment in attempting to extin- shore. Presently he hailed the head- only say that I did no more than my sim most boat. "We must have been seen A cry of rage and terror burst from from the shore long ago, and pilot-boats pear in the slightest degree to ruffle or affect him; but the averted eye and wards the boats, but the captain's ausee any. If you meet one bid him be thorative voice at once arrested their smart: there may be a chance yet." All up his ship. Besides, I must have been

The boats to increase the distance betheir way with frenzied eagerness before sured dip of the oars; and many an eye might themselves leap to the shelter of pected pilot. At length a distinct hailthe boats from the fiery volcano ringing and I felt my heart stop beating at the beneath their feet.—Captain Starkey, sound—was heard ahead, lustily responaided by four athletic seamen he had se- ded to by the seamen's throats, and preslected for the duty, hurled them fiercely ently afterwards a swiftly-propelled pilot back. "Back, back!" he shouted. "We boat shot out of the thick darkness ahead, must have funeral order here-first the almost immediately followed by another. "What ship is that?" cried a man

> "The Neptune, and that is Captain Starkey on the bowsprit!" I sprang eagerly to my feet, and with all the force I could exert, shouted: "A hundred pounds for the first boat that

standing in the bows of the first boat.

reaches the ship!"
"That's young Mr. Mainwaring's face frightful violence in their efforts to reach and voice !" exclaimed the foremost pilot. the gangway. Dupont forced his way through the lane of seamen with the energy of a madman, and pressed so sudminute or so another shore-boat came up, most exertion of the captain's herculean but after asking a few questions, and seestrength, she must have been precipitated ing how matters stood, remained, and into the water. goes. We were all three too deep in the

Great God! the terrible suspense all felt whilst this was going forward. he added, "let whoever sprang convulsively to my feet. had mistaken the sudder shout of the boat's crews for the catastrophe. The bowsprit, from the end of which a rope were next embarked, and the boat ap- lots, made aware doubtless of the darger, were pulling with the eagerness of fear from the ship. The cheering among us was renewed again and again, during which I continued to gaze with arrested breath and fascinated stare at the flaming vessel and fleeing pilot-boats.
Suddenly a pyramid of flame shot up
from the hold of the ship, followed by a

deafening roar. I fell or was knocked down, I know not which; the boat rockcolored lads and men, all but one, and ed as if caught in a fierce eddy; next You are a noble fellow," said Mr. heavy bodies falling from a great height soundless silence and a thick darkness, in which no man could discern his neightime to bandy compliments." bor. The stillness was broken by a The order to shove off had passed the loud, cheerful hail from one of the pilotcaptain's lips when his glance chanced to boats; we recognized the voice, and the

just behind him against the vessel's bul- burst from us assured the gallant seaman "Hold on a moment!" he cried. all rejoiced in his. Half an hour after-"Here is a youngster whose weight will wards we were all safely landed, and as not hurt you; and he fairly lifted me the ship and cargo had been specially inover, and dropped me gently into the sured, the only ultimate evil result of this boat, as he did so: "Remember me, fearful passage in the lives of the passers." gers and crew of the Neptune, was a heavy loss by the underwriters: A piece of plate, at the suggestion of

Mr. Desmond and his friends, was subscribed for and presented to Captain Starin his honor-a circumstance that many returning thanks for the compliment paid him, he explained his motives for resolutely refusing to fight a duel with M. Dupont, half a-dozen versions of which had got into the newspapers.

'I was very early left an orphan,' he said, 'and was very tenderly reared by a maternal aunt, Mrs. --- . (He mentioned a name with which hundreds of news-Ten minutes afterwards we were in- blackened with the fire, and dragging up especially with you ugly customers swim- paper readers in England must be still familiar,) 'Her husband, as many here "Stay one moment; I cannot quit the may be aware, fell in a duel in the second ple duty in the matter. Both he and I belong to a martime race, one of whose

Here Captain Sharkey blushed and